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Senate

The fifth day of January being the day prescribed by Public Law 111-289 for the meeting of the 1st Session of the 112th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol and at 12:04 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. BIDEN).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has placed us here and gives us work to do at the opening of the 112th Congress, we pause to thank You for sustaining this Nation from generation to generation, in prosperity and in adversity. We praise You for this new year with its new horizons, fresh challenges, and high duties.

May the solemn induction of some of our lawmakers become the renewal of vows for all. Give our Senators the wisdom to exert their best efforts for the security of this land we love. In the words of the prophet Micah, may they do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Join them in heart, mind, and soul to build a better world.

Lord, guide by Your high wisdom the President, the Vice President, the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, that they may ever seek to know and do Your will.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The VICE PRESIDENT led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate one certificate of election to fulfill an unexpired term and the certificates of election for 34 Senators elected for 6-year terms be-

ginning January 3, 2011. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there is no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and they will be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Executive Department

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the second day of November, two thousand and ten Kelly Ayotte was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Hampshire to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and eleven.

Witness, His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch and the Seal of State of New Hampshire hereto affixed at Concord, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and ten.

JOHN H. LYNCH,

Governor.

By the Governor, with advice of the Council:

WILLIAM M. GARDNER,

Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF COLORADO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the Second day of November, 2010, Michael F. Bennet was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the Third day of January, 2011.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Denver, Colorado this Ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord 2010.

By the Governor:

BILL RITTER, Jr.,

Governor.

BERNIE BUESCHER,

Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Executive Department

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to Certify that on the second day of November, two thousand and ten Richard Blumenthal was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January two thousand and eleven.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor; M. Jodi Rell and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.

M. JODI RELL,

Governor.

SUSAN BYSIEWICZ,

Secretary of the State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSOURI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 2nd day of November, 2010, Roy Blunt was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2011.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2010.

By the Governor:

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON,

Governor.

ROBIN CARNAHAN,

Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF ARKANSAS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

Know Ye, That Whereas, It appears that John Boozman was duly elected to the U.S. Senate, in and for the State of Arkansas at an election held on the second day of November, Two Thousand Ten.

Therefore, I, Mike Beebe, Governor of the State of Arkansas in the name and by authority of the people of the State of Arkansas, vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of said State do hereby certify that

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